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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michael G. Katze et al.

Application No.: 09/972,756

Filed: October 5, 2001

For: NOVEL SCREENING METHODS
TO IDENTIFY AGENTS THAT
SELECTIVELY INHIBIT HEPATITIS C
VIRUS REPLICATION

Examiner: Vogel, Nancy T.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1636

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the time for response two months, from August 4, 2004 to October 4, 2004, is submitted herewith

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.